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RECREATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to recreate monuments with the help of archival pictures and documents as appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 5th November, 2008;and

(b) if so,the details thereof along with the number of monuments recreated so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) There is no specific proposal to recreate monuments with the help of archival pictures and documents only. Heritage conservation is a complex issue where any particular approach cannot be applied in all the cases. Each case requires to be examined independently and in-depth to determine the nature of intervention on the basis of available evidence and structural requirements. Specific cases of small scale restorations are attempted only when a substantial quantity of original fabric as well as authentic evidence is available.